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Kind Presses NATO Countries to Support Economic Sanctions on Iran

CODEL to Europe Focuses on Security, Trade

Washington, DC – During a recent bipartisan Congressional Delegation visit (CODEL) to Brussels, Belgium, **Congressman Ron Kind (D-WI)** pressed the ambassadors from eight NATO countries to maintain their stand with the United States and United Nations in imposing economic sanctions on Iran.

“As long as Iran refuses to suspend the enrichment of uranium, we must do all that we can to try and prevent them from developing a dangerous nuclear program,” Rep. Kind said. “The economic sanctions provide a way to deescalate this issue without force, but to be effective we need the commitment of all our North Atlantic trade partners.”

Also while in Brussels, Rep. Kind met with members of the European Parliament to discuss common economic concerns. During the meeting, Rep. Kind discussed with members ways to create a common marketplace between the United States and European Union, and how to open up new markets for Wisconsin exports. Rep. Kind specifically urged them to lower their non-tariff barriers on Wisconsin agricultural products.

“The products of western Wisconsin farmers can compete with any in the world,” Rep. Kind said. “If we can reduce some of the barriers the European Union currently employs, there is tremendous potential to grow Wisconsin’s exports. We must continue to look for new markets for our products, and the European Union still holds a lot of opportunity in this regard.”

The European Union invests \$11.7 billion annually in Wisconsin, purchasing \$3.2 billion worth of goods every year, including \$126 million in agricultural products.

Earlier in the trip, Rep. Kind met with members of British Parliament in London to discuss coordinated security efforts in the global war on terror, specifically with regard to Iraq, Afghanistan, and Iran, as well as how to strengthen the economic relationship between the U.S. and Britain.

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Congressman Kind is a member of the House Committee on Ways and Means, which oversees the country's tax and trade policy. Kind has also been a strong advocate for reform in America's farm policy, focusing government programs on conservation and farm-based renewable energy to help bring U.S. agriculture policy more in line with international trade law and allow for progress in the World Trade Organization's (WTO) agricultural trade negotiations.